

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



August 2016 Newsletter

Volume 08- 2016

Message from Big Sir Bill Burchell

New Member

- Our August 18th program will give us the privilege of meeting our new Modesto **Mayor, Ted Brandvold**. Let's give him a hearty welcome as he shares his insight and priorities for the good of Modesto.



- **Highlighting our Activities:** **Golf** is a major activity in our Branch and it is an outstanding activity for those participating. We have about 65 golfers and we especially applaud those approximately 20 core participants who constantly play in the tournaments. **Bill Holloway** and **Andre Dodd** have been leading this group for the past 5 years and we thank them for the devoted work they have done to keep things organized and moving ahead. Now **Jay Norris** is going to take over as chairman and will soon announce a co-chairman. And **Bill Holloway** has done a great job in supplying the monthly report in the newsletter and deserves a special thanks – Yes SIR!!!
- The Annual Meeting of Sons In Retirement, Inc. was held on August 1st in Sacramento. Attendees were Big Sirs and leaders from throughout the state as we addressed the annual business and the election of officers. We are honored to recognize our own **Jerry Strain**, 2011 Big Sir of Branch 144, to be State President for the coming year. Are we proud of you, Jerry? Yes SIR!!!

Bill Burchell – Big SIR



(Pictured L to R) Big SIR Bill Burchell; New Member John Green; Sponsor Ed Jackson
John Green was an Electrician. He enjoys Golfing, Travel & Fishing. His wife is Michelle.

WELCOME TO BRANCH 144, JOHN!

Special Thanks to Amos Santwier III & Gerry Veloria for taking over for the Secretary & Asst. Secretary positions respectively!

***To All Members:
Please, if at all possible try to make the Luncheons. We are committed to 120 lunches. If we come up short of this, then it comes out of the treasury. Thank You!
See message below:***



Remember if you cannot attend the luncheons please call Gary Williams at 578-3471

Please visit our website at
www.sirinc2.org/branch144

SHLM: Julius Manrique & Frank Pierson
HLM: Ted Nagel & Jerry Strain

SIR, Inc. Branch #144
645 Charity Way, Modesto, CA
Executive Committee Minutes
July 21, 2016

1. The regular BEC meeting was called to order at 9:18 AM
2. BEC members present were: Bill Burchell, Tom Watson, Pat Brooks, Leonard Davis, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Dave Marino.
3. Committee Chairmen present: Bob Lewis, Vince Sereno, Sam Graham, Julius Manrique. Visitors: Jerry Strain and Bill Stires.
4. Secretary confirms that a quorum is present.
5. The minutes of the June 15, 2016 BEC meeting were approved. M/Watson: S/Davis
6. The treasurers report was presented by Tom Watson, Treasurer.

Checkbook balance as of 5/31/2016.....	\$5930.20
Petty cash on hand.....	\$200.00
Receipts.....	\$1297.00
Disbursements.....	\$1514.32
Balance as of 6/30/2016.....	\$5912.88

Treasurers report was approved: M/Brooks:S/King

- a. Vouchers to be paid: Newsletter (Lewis).....\$39.95
Supplies (Williams).....\$81.40
Sunshine cards (Nagel)..\$63.38

Approved to pay vouchers: MKing:S/Brooks

7. Big Sir Report: He will attend the State meeting in Sacramento on 8/1/2016.
The state is in the process of planning the 60th anniversary of SIR.
8. Little Sir Report: The speaker for this luncheon is Tom Burchell, Marathon runner.
For August the speaker will be Ted Brandvold, Mayor, Modesto
9. Committee Reports:
Nominating Committee: The slate of officers for the remainder of 2016 to replace the resignations of Little Sir and Secretary and the BEC members for 2017 will be presented at the August meeting.

All other committees report that all is well

10. Membership: New members this month (John Green).....1
Active members.....189
Inactive members.....15
Unused badges.....45
Total.....250

11. New Business:
 - A. There will be an evaluation as to the number of tables to be used for the luncheon in the future. We have been having several not being used?
 - B. There will be a committee formed to establish the Ladies Day agenda, Including a review as to having only 1 or still having 2 Ladies Day?
12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19AM. The next meeting will be August 18, 2016

Respectfully submitted: Gary Williams
Interim Secretary

Area 22 Travel

By Bill Stires

Remember travelers can be friends, neighbors, and family, they do not ne to be SIR members to enjoy the trips.

New York City and Princess Cruise to Quebec City, Quebec

October 10 -22, 2016

Fly to New York City for 2 night stay in the heart of Times Square at the Millennium Hotel. A day of leisure to explore the city and then dinner and a Broadway show. The next day a private tour of the city including the 9-11 Memorial. Board the Caribbean Princess and sail up the coast of New England while stopping at 7 ports and then 2 days in Quebec City, Quebec.

Prices include airfare, hotel, dinner and show, private tour, port taxes and much more.

Prices range from: \$3520 to \$5065 per person depending on cabin type. Single prices are higher.

Sacramento Rivercats,

August 14, 2016

Time to take our annual trip to the ballpark in Sacramento to see the

SF Giants triple AAA team. Seats behind home plate. **\$100.00**

Apple Hill/Reno

September 29-30, 2016. Our annual trip to Reno to stay overnight at the Eldorado Hotel and see the Broadway production of "The Directors". See the Fall colors and receive breakfast and dinner buffet coupons along with some gaming money. Stop at Apple Hill on the way home for Apple pie and coffee. **Price: \$274.00 double occupancy and \$295.00 for single. Need minimum of 20 to make trip a go.**

Tulip and Windmill Cruise, April 2-10, 2017. Enjoy a 7-night cruise aboard the AmaCerto through the Netherlands and Belgium. This is an **all inclusive** trip that includes: non-stop airfare to and from SF to Amsterdam, all transfers, meals with beer and wine, choice of shore excursions at each port, along with many other extras. We will visit the following cities: Amsterdam, Hoorn, Arnhem, Hjmegen, Antwerp, Ghent, Rotterdam, Kinderdijk, Schoonhoven, Keukenhof and back to Amsterdam. This trip will fill up fast as there are only 74 cabins and 150 passengers. **Prices have been extended and will go up by \$750.00 on August 1, 2016. Prices: \$4175.00 to \$5450.00 depending on cabin selected.**

Contact **Bill Stires** for detailed information and reservation forms for all SIR travel. 209-544-2684 or go online at <http://www.sirinc2.org/branch144> and print out any of the reservation forms.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Big Sir: Bill Burchell

Little Sir: Open

Secretary: Amos Santwier

Assistant Secretary: Gerry Veloria

Treasurer: Tom Watson

Assistant Treasurer: Gene Toschi

Directors:

Lauri Salvi

Patton Brooks

Gaylan King

David Marino

Leonard Davis

Ernie Lewis



Officers and Directors for 2016

L to R: Patton Brooks, Ernie Lewis, Gaylan King, Leonard Davis, David Marino, Lor Salvi, Tom Watson, Alan Swofford, Gary McManus, Bill Burchell

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Please visit The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



August Update-----

Why JOIN the Dining Out Club?

1. To enjoy eating favorite foods.
2. To laugh & talk with friends.
3. To make new friends.
4. To have fun times.
5. To Join, **Contact Vince at 524-9630.**

Locations for August & September. .

2nd TUES DINING OUT CLUB

Tuesday, August 9th, at 5 pm at OLIVE GARDEN. Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess, Norman & Janet Lawrence at 551-5081 By Tuesday August 2nd.

Tuesday, September 13th at 5 pm at Mikes's Grillhouse, --- Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Laurie & Helen Salvi at 576-7898 By Tuesday September 6th.

4th TUES. DINING OUT CLUB

Tuesday, August 23rd at 5 pm at MARIE CALLENDER'S, --- Reservations or Regrets to Host Henry Solario at 578-5607 by Tuesday August 16th.

Tuesday, September 27th at 5 pm at Outback Steakhouse --- Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Marion & Viola Zoodsma at 522-8053 . . . by Tuesday September 20th.

4th THURS. DINING OUT CLUB

Thursday, August 25th at 5 pm at Velvet Creamery on McHenry. --- Reservation or Regrets to: Host Roy Hardison at 575-4667 by Thursday August 18th.

Thursday, September 22nd at 5 pm at Tasty Thai, --- Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Bernie Fairfield & Sharon Wolinski at 262-8128 by Thursday September 15th.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Ange	Robert	08/26/53	63
Bates	John	08/19/38	78
Beckett	Charles	08/22/28	88
Bernard	John	08/13/37	79
Fallentine	Wayne	08/25/46	70
Galbraith	Biff	08/01/58	58
Griffin Jr.	John	08/13/39	77
Lawrence	Norman	08/06/36	80
Lewis	Everett	08/21/24	92
Martinez	Joseph A.	08/19/41	75
Mensing	Michael	08/05/32	84
Tabacco	Edward	08/31/46	70
Valdez	Moses	08/27/57	59
Watson	Robert	08/16/45	71

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Adams	Charles	Linda	08/10/63	53
Beckett	Charles	Barbara	08/15/54	62
Bell	Red	Sharon	08/18/62	54
Bernard	John	Norma	08/23/59	57
Bohling	John	Patty	08/04/84	32
Bree	John	Deborah	08/10/57	59
Brunn	Charles	Miry	08/25/56	60
Campbell	Cal	Marina	08/02/75	41
Cook	Deane	Sigrud Bruns	08/28/99	17
Grieshaber	Howard	Theresa	08/08/76	40
Haines	Conrad	LaDean	08/25/67	49
Herman(I)	Ralph	Pat	08/19/51	65
Long	Herb	Alleen	08/03/55	61
McCormick(I)	James	Jane	08/27/60	56
McCoy	Mac	Bev	08/22/64	52
Nerland	Gary	Sandra	08/14/60	56
Rogers	Keith	Elaine	08/04/73	43
Sereno	Vince	Kathy	08/26/61	55
Shoup	Chuck	Karen	08/18/62	54
Townsend	Roger	Ruth	08/23/69	47
Venturini	Joe	Diane	08/23/53	63
Watson	Bob	Flora	08/08/71	45

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Golf carts at Manteca will not be an issue. I understand they have 50 available. More than enough to handle us old guys who can't walk or are just too lazy to walk.

June and her ladies have agreed to host our closest to the hole putting and chipping contests at the End of Year Lunch. Be sure to thank them. Also thank the businesses that have so gratefully donated prizes. Without their support we would not have any prizes to give out. I also want to thank Joe Stackhouse and his crew for working so hard to get the prizes for the end of year.

The end of year schedule for next year was discussed at the golf committee meeting and Joe Adams will start talking with the various golf courses and start getting a schedule put together.

Branch 144 is responsible for auditing the golf financial books this year. It cannot be done by anyone on the golf committee such as myself. I will need a couple of members within 144, preferably with some financial background. So don't be surprised if I ask for assistance in this manner.

Members who have an index of 30.6 and cannot play to this index will have their indexes adjusted. An index up to 40.4 is now allowed. This is to get members with high indexes to be more competitive and to try and level the playing field. The handicap chairman will make any adjustments where applicable.

NCGA member renewal dues are coming. We will start collecting NCGA dues starting in October. It is anticipated that the dues amount will remain the same \$45 if renewing and \$55 for new members.

Pairings/Results, visit our Website at
www.sirinc2.org/area22

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The Golf Treasurer has requested that instead of returning checks for tournaments missed that he be permitted to shred them instead. With a show of hands from those present at the last monthly meeting it was agreed to allow the treasurer to shred checks instead of returning them. Checks are not cashed until a player has played the tournament for which the check was written. Tournaments in which a player either is a No Show or Cancelled will have their check shredded. In the future no checks will be returned but will be shredded by the Golf Treasurer.

For those who are interested in the Reno outing Week One has been cancelled and combined with Week Two because of the lack of response. Those who signed up for Week One have been moved to Week Two.

Again I am getting incomplete information on the signup sheets especially whether a player wants to ride or walk. Remember if you leave it up to me you may not like what you get. Also when requesting playing partners I need the first initial and last name. First names alone are not sufficient. We have several members who have the same last name. If playing partner requests in the comment column is left off I assume by default that you don't have a preference of who you are paired with. It is also your responsibility to check with your requested partner whether they are playing or not and if they have request to play with someone else. I see a lot of request where the requested player did not even sign up.

As a reminder please be sure that the Ride/Walk, Check #, Amount Paid, and Comment columns are filled out and filled out correctly. Please write legibly so that your chicken scratch may be interpreted correctly.

Calendar of Events



August 14, 2016 Sacramento Rivercats

Sept 29-30, 2016 Apple Hill/Reno

**October 10-22, 2016 New York City and
Princess Cruise to Quebec City, Quebec**

April 2-10, 2016 Tulip & Windmill Cruise

Program for August 18th, 2016

The Speaker will be Ted
Brandvold- Mayor of Modesto



Past Big Sirs

1988 Lynn Wood
1989 Elbow Jones
1990 Dick Benevento
1991 Warren Lawson
1992 Al Evans
1993 Joe Underwood
1994 Homer Jorgensen
1995 Don Singer
1996 Max Norton
1997 Charles Cox
1998 Dick Bachman
1999 George Harden
2000 John Shores
2001 Bob Curley
2002 Frank Pierson
2003 Julius Manrique
2004 Ed Boyle
2005 Ted Nagel
2006 George Ditman
2007 Herman Vigil
2008 Michael Mensinger
2009 Charles Shoup
2010 Gary Williams
2011 Jerry Strain
2012 Sam Graham
2013 Jerry Emery
2014 Leonard Davis
2015 Patton Brooks

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2016

Big Sir: Bill Burchell 529-6039
Little Sir:.....Open
Secretary:.....Amos Santwier III 605-9638
Assistant Secretary:..Gerry Veloria 248-5692
Treasurer:Tom Watson 577-4390
Assistant Treasurer:..Gene Toschi 402-4242

DIRECTORS FOR 2016

Ernie Lewis 523-7387 Patton Brooks 522-6417
Gaylan King 380-9896 Lor Salvi 576-7898
Leonard Davis 524-1526 David Marino 838-2038

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIRS, Inc ...Donald A. Dill 530-885-6943
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIRS, IncJerry Strain 551-8220
DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Ron Flagel 338-8109
GOVERNOR AREA 22...James K. Mann 632-9385

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Travel: Area 22: ..Bill Stires 544-2684
Area 22 Golf Chairman:.. Joe Adams
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Bill Holloway 832-1421
Assistant:Andre Dodd 527-0482
Area 22 Bowling Chairman:Jim Pastorelli. 406-8156
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:Vern Masse 538-4275
Branch 144 Pickleball Co- Chairmen: Cal Campbell 380-0523
Joe Maxwell 524-2826

Programs:.....Open

Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387

Data:..... Gary Williams 578-3471

Chaplain:...Tom Hampson 402-9908

Dining: Vince Sereno, 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607

House:..... Herman Vigil 557-9795

Attendance: Tony Salonga, 541-1944; Pert Manabat, 551-1080

Sunshine:..... Ted Nagel 869-6304

Assistant: Julius Manrique 576-1077

Nominating Committee: Sam Graham, Julius Manrique, Gary Williams,
Ted Nagel

Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896

Book Club: Frank Pierson 522-1158, Joe Venturini 524-6577

Accessories:..... John Bates 383-5259



"Thank you to over 50% of members who have contributed an annual donation of \$24.00 or more in 2016! Over the past three years the "bucket" donations of \$2 per luncheon have been about 45% of total donations (or about 82% of annual donations). Through May of this year "bucket" donations are only one half of the usual. Please consider either doubling your "bucket" donations for the remainder of the year or if you have not contributed an annual donation to make the usual \$24.00 annual donation.

Tom Watson, Treasurer SIR Branch 144"

**If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Ted Nagel (869-6304) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know.
Thank You!**

Please see Jerry Strain's article on the website.